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Cement Mixer Must Relocate

Torrance Sand and Gravel Co. was granted a variance this week on its application to commence mixing cement in its sand and gravel hopper near Crenshaw and Pacific Coast Hwy., but the City Council attached provisos that brought satisfaction to residents of the area.

The motion to grant the variance, opposed only by Councilman Willys G. Blount, provided for certain measures to eliminate nuisance features of the operation, and for a committee of three to make a study of a new location for the hopper. (Blount was opposed "under any circumstances").

Residents, fearing the effects of dust from cement mixing, asked that the hopper be moved 500 feet from the nearest residential area.

Committee members named by the Council, which is to report back to the Council next Tuesday on its findings, consists of Building Superintendent John Russell, City Engineer Ronald Bishop, and Planning Commission President Beverly Smith.

A companion motion passed by the Council in granting the variance stipulated that construction of the variance would take place if an effort has not been made to comply within 30 days after notification.

Members of the Home Savers League, recently organized against the variance, protested at the hearing, and a petition signed by 225 persons jamming the council chamber, when hearings were heard on the Sand and Gravel variance request, as well as another variance hearing, concerning a proposed telephone office expansion project.

Case Presented
Spokesman for the Home Savers League was Walter Anderson. He presented a petition from 900 persons against the variance (as originally proposed), and a petition signed by 90 persons retracting their approval of the variance. He also showed photographs and a map, and presented conditions under which the League would approve the variance, some of their conditions duplicated conditions recommended by the Planning Commission. Anderson said the conditions were prepared "so the company can stay in business."

Among persons speaking at the hearing were James A. McLaughlin, of the company, agreeing to the Commission's conditions, Lee Storey, vice-president of the League, and William Cameron, who said residents don't want any more dirt dumped behind their homes.

Officials of the League expressed appreciation after the gathering to those residents who had turned out "to protect their interests."

THS GRADS WILL HOLD FINAL FLING TONIGHT

Graduates of Torrance High School will "live it up" all night tonight at the Hollywood Riviera Club in their final fling as "kids."

They will be considered men and women tomorrow, but tonight they will dance, play games, participate in contests, see a full length movie, and close the night's festivities with a hearty breakfast. After activities cease at 6 a.m., the graduates will troop home to bed.

The party, which will begin shortly after the graduation ceremonies end, is being held through the cooperation of businessmen, service organizations, teachers, parents, and the newspapers.

Funds for the party were increased by donations from Riviera, Howard Wood, and Torrance Elementary PTAs; the Torrance Rod and Gun Club; and THS Tartar Ladies.

In addition to the youngsters, adults attending the festivities will include Principal Bruce Magner, Vice Principal John T. Shea, Boys' Advisor James Halle, Mrs. Betty Lowe, John Armer, enior Advisor Garth Belknap, Mrs. John Hinds, Mrs. C. E. Easley, Mrs. Lee Lanagin, Mrs. L. M. Nash, Mrs. W. H. Wood, Paul Shinoda, Mrs. George Bradford, Mrs. Jackson S. Moore, Mrs. Will Reid, Mrs. J. Rogan, Mrs. J. Goldsmith, Mrs. M. Palmer, Mr. and Mrs. Almond Cockerill, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Graes, Mrs. D. Drazkowski, Mr. and Mrs. John K. Steinbaugh.

Diplomas Go To 1000 Students

Yesterday and today mark turning points in the lives of some 1000 students in Torrance schools.

For 285 Torrance High School students, this is graduation day, opening a new chapter in their lives, which will mean college for some, the service for others, and work for still another group.

For some 800 younger students, these two days will mean the end of elementary school, and the start of high school days.

Torrance High School will hold its graduation exercises tonight at 8:15 in the football stadium, with School Board President Grace Wright presenting diplomas to the students.

"Age of Challenge"
Theme of the ceremonies will be, "The Age of Challenge," with speeches by four students on various phases of the subject. Joe Fazio will discuss the past, Doris Popovich will look at the present, Neil Mahon will gaze into the future, and Jim Donnette will summarize.

Eddie Alvarez will direct the singing of the class song, "No Man Is An Island." Principal W. Bruce Magner will present the class to Superintendent J. H. Hull.

In ceremonies to be held at the same time, 46 graduates of Torrance Evening High School

will get their diplomas from Adult Principal Raymond E. Collins.

Diplomas Awarded
Elementary School students at Fern-Greenwood, Meadow Park, North Torrance, Riviera, and Howard Wood School received their diplomas yesterday.

The eight-graders at other elementary schools will get their diplomas from school board members, Mrs. Evelyn Carr, former school board member, will present diplomas to students at the school named for her. Dr. Howard Wood, also a former board member, yesterday presented diplomas at the school named for him.

Schedule Told
Students will receive their diplomas from school board members today as follows:

Carr—2 p.m., outdoor, Mrs. Carr.

Crenshaw—5:30 p.m., Dr. Joseph P. Bay.

El Nido—4 p.m., at the school, Darwin Parrish.

Hillside—7:30 p.m., all purpose room, Dr. Kollin R. Smith.

Madrona—7 p.m., lunch patio, Parrish.

Perry—6:30 p.m., at the school, Albert N. Posner, assistant superintendent.

Seaside—7:30 p.m., auditorium, Charlton A. Mewborn.

Torrance Elementary—7 p.m., THS auditorium, Dr. Smith.

Walteria, 6 p.m., auditorium, Mewborn.

Guard Takes Part in CD Exercises

Torrance's National Guard Unit, taking part in the Civil Defense exercise yesterday, established a control point at City Hall at 5 p.m.

Local activity in the exercise was under the direction of George Stevens, George Powell, alternate co-ordinator for Area G, assumed direction of the area when Inglewood was theoretically blasted out of action.

Capt. Douglas J. Horlander, is commander of the local unit. Co. E (Bridge) of the 132nd Armored Engineer Battalion, part of the 40th Armored Division,

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ONE LAST LOOK . . . After four years of rushing to and from Torrance High School classes, two of the 285 students who will graduate tonight, pause for a final look at the old alma mater. Among graduates are Ottilie Dummeyer and Carol Christensen, whose romance blossomed at THS and who both plan to work to save money to get married. Other students will go to college, enter the service, or go to work.

Phone Company Addition Denied

Permission was denied Tuesday to General Telephone Co. to build an addition to its offices at 616 Palos Verdes Blvd., on the Palos Verdes city line.

The company asked for a variance to permit the project in what is zoned as an R-3 area (residential).

In a hearing was held at the regular weekly meeting of Torrance City Council, with arguments being heard from the company and from residents opposing the addition.

Chief argument against the variance was that it would obstruct a view for which home owners had paid "an additional \$3000" on the understanding that their view would not be obstructed.

Speaking in behalf of the protesting residents was Harold Thomasian, 118 Calle de Arboles.

For the telephone company the case was presented by Marshall Taylor.

Vote Close

The motion to deny the variance passed 3 to 2, with Councilmen Willys Blount and M. M. Schwab dissenting. In favor of denying the variance were Mayor Albert Isen and Councilmen Victor Benstead Jr. and Nicholas Drale.

Taylor argued that the building, needed to house additional switching equipment, was needed to meet expanded demand for phone service, that many families would not be able to get phones without it, because of certain mechanical developments in the industry, and the variance could never be

Peninsula Area Remains Intact

The prospect of annexing to Torrance a large chunk of Palos Verdes Peninsula, south of here between Rolling Hills and Palos Verdes, has gone aglimmering.

The City Council of Torrance was informed Tuesday night of Palos Verdes Properties' intention to withdraw annexation proceedings, after months of negotiations.

An explanation of the decision and apologies were offered by Ivar O. Hanson, general manager of the corporation.

Hanson spoke before the Council at an informal session in a packed council chamber, with persons crowding in to attend two scheduled public hearings on variances.

Hanson referred to a week end meeting of his concern and representatives of various peninsula groups at which it was agreed to withdraw the annexation move and leave the area in County territory.

Court Action Feared

The gist of his explanation was that to go ahead with Torrance annexation proceedings would have meant tying up the real estate development in two or three years of litigation against the determined opposition of certain groups to prevent the step.

In a series of meetings, he said, the idea developed that the peninsula should be "an entity," and opponents to annexation "were prepared to use all their resources to protect that concept and keep it in that category."

He said that if litigation should develop there would be uncertainty as to which governmental group has jurisdiction—city or county. This would complicate matters relative to schools and other services.

"Two or three years of this would be more than we could stand," said Hanson.

Apologies Offered

He offered apologies, and agreed to compensate Torrance for expenses incurred during the period of negotiation.

Said Hanson, "This is one of the most difficult things I've ever had to explain."

Mayor Albert Isen, along with other councilmen, expressed disappointment that the annexation will not materialize.

He wryly characterized the Palos Verdes group as an "unwilling groom" in the expected union, which came about after the city was approached regarding annexation possibilities. It was pointed out by Isen that the recent school bond election, decided by 11 to 1 in favor of \$10,000,000 in bonds for school development, was undoubtedly influenced by the expectation of annexation.

"However," he told Hanson,

Herald to Have Special Sections On Bargain Days

Bargain Days in Torrance—Thursday, Friday and Saturday of next week—will offer shoppers in Torrance and vicinity the opportunity to find real money-saving bargain items on the shelves of local merchants.

The outstanding sales event, June 23, 24 and 25, is sponsored by Torrance Merchants' Association.

Bargain-conscious households will peruse advertisements in next Thursday's issue of the HERALD to spot goods they will want to shop for in the all-out sales event.

Coupon printed in next Thursday's (June 23) issue will be good for free bus rides to and from Torrance.

Carl DeLeon, president of the Merchants' Association, said that merchants plan to display banners on shop windows heralding the occasion.

Watch for bargain ads in the HERALD next week!

Lt. Col. Boyle Dies Suddenly, Funeral Today

Military funeral services for Lt. Col. Bryan "Pat" Boyle, 57, who died suddenly Saturday evening will be held at the Stone and Myers Chapel at 10 a.m. today with the officiating and Chaplain from Fort MacArthur officiating.

Colonel Boyle, a veteran of both the U. S. Navy and U. S. Army, had been active in the Army Reserve program for a number of years following active service during World War I and II and was due to retire from the reserves in a ceremony slated for Sunday, the day after his death.

A resident of 1229 Acacia, Colonel Boyle had been employed in the San Pedro Harbor for several years.

In Navy 13 Years

After serving 13 years with the Navy, which he left as a chief boatswain's mate in 1922, Mr. Boyle tried to get back into active duty with the Navy during World War II. Saying the Navy was "too slow" and placed too much emphasis on a college diploma, Mr. Boyle entered the Army as a First Lieutenant and made a distinguished record for himself during the war.

In 1949 he assumed command of the 319th Service Group of the Army Reserve Corps in the rank of Lt. Colonel. He was active in the Reserve program until his death.

Healed Legion

Torrance Legion Post, Colonel Boyle will be honored by other past commanders of the Post who will serve as pallbearers today.

He leaves his widow, Gertrude, and a daughter, Mrs. Marcell Accord of Palos Verdes. Also surviving are four grandchildren, John Patrick, Kenneth John, Susan Marie, and Sharon Ann Accord. Three brothers also survive him.

Following services this morning at the Stone and Myers Chapel, he will be taken to Hollywood Cemetery for final military rites and interment.

Ryan Given Legion Post

C. J. "Paddy" Ryan, chaplain of the Bow S. Crossland Post No. 170 of the American Legion, has been named chaplain of the entire 19th Legion district, according to Commander J. Vincent Walker.

The 19th district includes 50 Legion posts and more than 9000 members. It holds monthly meetings at various Legion posts.

Chaplain of the local post for the past seven years, Ryan is a former president of the Torrance-Lomita Board of Realtors. He will be installed, along with other new officers on July 13 at 8 p.m. at the Whittier Legion Post.



NEW JAYCEE SKIPPER . . . Phil Lisman (right) installs Jaycee gavel from Fred Hansen (left) during installation ceremonies at the annual installation dinner meeting of the Torrance Junior Chamber of Commerce. Installing officer, Ev Ross, former state president of the group, looks on.